

## 240 LIVES ARE MENACED BY TWO TENEMENT FIRES

Williamsburg Incendiary Kindles Blazes Under Stairs in Crowded Buildings.

Terrible at the latest attempt to burn down a tenement-house full of sleeping people, the residents of that section of Williamsburg where druggists have set thirty fires within a week, are preparing to make a wholesale exodus. The latest blaze was set last night in the two double-decker five-story tenements, each containing twenty-six families, with a total of 240 men, women, boys and girls, at Nos. 759 and 761 Myrtle avenue.

The fires were set under the rear stairways with door mat, hall runner, mattresses and newspapers all saturated with oil. The houses between the two sets on fire are all crowded with tenants.

Patrolman Herman Stieser, of the Vernon avenue station, heard women screaming "Fire!" and "Help!" from the open windows of No. 761. As he ran to the doorway women and children were falling down stairs or rushing into the street. Smoke rose through shafts and stairwells to the top floors.

Stieser found a mattress and a door-mat of hemp, rolled into a compact bundle, blazing in the rear hall-way under the stairs. The panic among the tenants increased when he grabbed the mattress and dragged it through the hall, down the steps and into the street.

No sooner had he done this than cries of "Help!" and "Fire!" sounded from the windows of No. 759 Myrtle avenue. The policeman darted into the hall-way and found under the rear stair-way a bonfire of hall runner, a mattress and a bundle of newspapers pushed together and blazing. In this house also the tenants were getting out as fast as they could in a high stage of panic. Stieser got that burning mess into the street as he did the other.

Mrs. Mary McGuire and Mrs. Sarah Ruiz, who live opposite No. 759, told Stieser that they had seen a tall, slim, well dressed man, wearing a dark overcoat, with the collar turned up, and a slouch hat, running from the hall-way of No. 759 while the tenants of No. 761 were shrieking "Fire!" The man had run down Myrtle avenue, they said, and turned the corner into Nassau avenue. The police are looking for him.

The thirty fires set within seven days have all been of similar character to the two started in Myrtle avenue last night, and always they have been started in crowded double-decker tenements. Fire Marshall Beers renewed his investigation last night.

### APRIL DAY AT SEA.

Liner Runs Through Nine Varieties of Weather.

Passengers arriving to-day from Glasgow on the Anchor liner California, reported that the ship ran into about nine separate varieties of weather last Thursday and Friday.

First there was a fog, then rain, then sleet and then in order snow, hail, more rain, sunshine, lots of rain, fog, mist and freezing temperature so that the ship had more ice hanging to her when she reached Sandy Hook than on any trip during the winter.

## BUTLER, SUSPECT IN \$20,000 JEWEL THEFT, ARRESTED

Former Servant of Mrs. David Pierce Morgan Caught in London.

Claude Herrier, formerly a second butler in the employ of Mrs. David Pierce Morgan, of No. 79 Park avenue, was to-day arrested in London, England, on a charge of having stolen between \$15,000 and \$20,000 worth of diamonds and other gems from the Morgan home on March 8, this year.

Scotland Yard detectives took Herrier into custody at the request of the New York police, and he was held without bail in the Bow Street Court to await extradition papers. A number of loose diamonds were found in his possession, but Herrier refused to answer the questions of the British officers.

The robbery at the Morgan residence occurred at an hour when the servants had free access to all rooms of the house. As soon as the theft was discovered the family communicated with Inspector McCafferty, of the Detective Bureau, and Lieut. Brown and O'Farrell were assigned to the case. The servants were assembled and the robbery was made known to the detectives. It was suggested that a general search of their persons and quarters be made, and their response was unanimous.

A Louis XVI. tiara of diamonds was among the stolen jewelry, and the loot included gold antiques, loose diamonds and gems worth \$20,000. Herrier was located while touring the world.

Herrier disappeared a few days after the robbery, and the police sent out a general alarm for his arrest. The police of all foreign capitals were notified, and the second butler's photograph was distributed in Paris, London and Geneva, Switzerland. His arrest to-day followed.

Mrs. Morgan is the widow of the banker who was also prominent in the affairs of the Sugar Trust. She is well known in society of this city and London. Cornelius Fellowes is her brother.

### After Once Tasting

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